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Dear Tom:

Per our conversation with Tracy Ruebelman, enclosed is a copy of the Yurchenko news conference.



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PROGRAM News Conference

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SUBJECT Vitaly Yurchenko News Conference

NEWSMAN: We are awaiting a news conference in Washington where a man who is said to have been a former top intelligence official for the KGB apparently -- and who has reportedly defected to the West now apparently has redefected to the Soviet Union. The Embassy has scheduled a news conference shortly.

We're going to call on Bernard Shaw to help us sort through this rather unusual and complicated story.

BERNARD SHAW: Quickly we go to the Soviet compound. The man is Vitaly Yurchenko. Let's listen in.

MAN: We invited you to meet with Vitaly Yurchenko, [unintelligible] diplomatic representative.

As is known, it was reported in a very sensational manner by the U.S. mass media that Yurchenko allegedly came to the U.S. by his own will and asked for political asylum. Later, the State Department officially acknowledged that Mr. Yurchenko was in this country.

What really happened with him, Vitaly Yurchenko will tell you himself.

On my part, I would like only to note that the Soviet Embassy has demanded repeatedly, on many occasions, that the State Department organize a personal meeting of our representatives with Vitaly Yurchenko. This issue was raised by us at various levels, including the level of third Ambassador to the United States. However, we were constantly told that Vitaly Yurchenko, himself, allegedly did not want to have such a meeting.

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A this moment, the Soviet charge' d'affaires is at the State Department declaring a strong protest with regard to the actions of the American authorities toward Vitaly Yurchenko.

Now I'll give the floor to Vitaly Yurchenko.

VITALY YURCHENKO: First of all, I'd like to confirm that I am really Vitaly Yurchenko, but not Durchenko, as some of you published [unintelligible].

And this press conference organized on my request because I'd like to inform American press and American media about situation [unintelligible] experiences, about how I feel with such situation.

And the second reason why I'd like to have this press conference, some weeks ago Mr. Gerber (?) -- I know that some of you acquainted with the name. He is the chief of the Soviet Department [unintelligible], he has told me, "Alex" -- Alex, of course, is the name [unintelligible]. And he told me, "Alex, we've received many requests from our media, from our media, from NBC, ABC companies, and they'd like to speak with you."

I told him, answered him, "Mr. Gerber, I am not ready now, but I'll try to do all my best to have such meeting."

Therefore [unintelligible words]. I am sure he is very busy now at headquarter. And I hope my [unintelligible], he will confirm you [unintelligible] give you chance [unintelligible phrases].

And the second thing I'd like to tell you at the very beginning, that during this three horrible months for me, I didn't have any chance to speak Russian. I was explained that they say there's a shortage of Russian [unintelligible]. And therefore, all three months, I speak English. From that point of view [unintelligible] language, knowledge of language [unintelligible words].

And therefore I prefer now to speak Russian. And I hope that our translator will help you understand me, maybe [unintelligible words], quick solutions. But I hope [unintelligible words]. I'll speak Russian.

I prepared this speech myself. Don't worry. It is written, but I prepared it myself [unintelligible]. I am third day. And today, first time, I didn't feel practically any headache in the morning when I wake up. And therefore I wrote it myself, but I not [unintelligible] some ideas. I'll read it.

[Reads in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Since in the past month...

SHAW: Vitaly Yurchenko speaking in his native tongue, Russian, appearing here live at the Soviet compound in Washington. The man U.S. intelligence officials say was the number five man in the Soviet KGB, reportedly asking for asylum at the Vatican, ending up in American hands, reportedly fingering some members of the Central Intelligence Agency in the United States and saying that they were spies. He is now holding a news conference.

You heard him say that -- he described the past three months as horrible. He wasn't able to speak Russian.

Let's listen in to this.

TRANSLATOR: ...while on a business trip in Italy, I was forcibly abducted in Rome by some unknown persons. Unconscious, I was brought from Italy to the USA.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Here, I was kept in isolation, forced to take some drugs, and denied the possibility to get in touch with official Soviet representatives.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Only on November the 2nd, due to the momentary lapse of attention on the part of the persons watching me, I was able to break out to freedom and come to the Soviet Embassy.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Later, after some rest, I will answer in detail in Moscow the questions which might interest the representatives of the press.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: At the moment, my only wish is to return as soon as possible to my country, to my family, kin, and friends.

YURCHENKO: But now I am ready to answer your questions.

MAN: Ladies and gentlemen, as Vitaly Yurchenko just said, he will answer some of your questions.

Just two requests to you. One is, please, identify yourself. And second is, just remember that for the first time

in three months he just had only one decent sleep, decent night of sleep. So, carrying that in mind, please.

Yes, please.

JOHN SCALI: I'm John Scali of ABC News.

Mr. Yurchenko, are we to believe that in the three months that you were in the hands of the American intelligence authorities, that you did not in any way provide secret information of Soviet intelligence and other activities?

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

MAN: He did not.

TRANSLATOR: In the period when I was conscious and controlled my behavior, I'd have not passed any secret information.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: When they were talking with me when I was not drugged, they were telling me that I came to them, came to the Americans myself, on my own will, on my own accord. While initially they were telling me that, later another group of people which were talking with me started telling me that some friends brought me over to them.

I did not believe them. I was convinced that they were deceiving me.

When later they started giving me some facts of a business nature, I nevertheless did not believe that I passed any secret information to the Americans.

When I was under -- when I was drugged, with the use of some special drugs, I don't know what I was saying or what I was doing.

The thing which I want to mention outright is that I was threatened.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: When I was conscious and when they were talking with me, they were telling me that, "Well, you see. Everyone thinks that you're a traitor." And they showed me documents which were written in my hand, where they -- they were saying that they had recordings of my conversations.

Nevertheless, I did not believe. I did not believe them. They were trying to say that everybody will believe what they were saying, but will not believe me if I would say something else. And they, I think, were hoping that eventually I will start to believe that I have indeed -- that I had indeed passed some information of secret nature.

YURCHENKO: Please. Ask CIA officials what kind secret information I gave them. It would be very interesting for me to know, because I don't know.

PATRICK TYLER: I'd like to address that, Mr. Yurchenko. I'm Patrick Tyler with the Washington Post.

Mr. Yurchenko...

YURCHNEKO: What is the name? Excuse me?

TYLER: Patrick Tyler.

YURCHENKO: Oh. I see gentleman. I received your letters.

SHAW: Vitaly Yurchenko, at this news conference still going on at the Soviet compound, saying that at some point he was forcibly abducted in Rome and brought unconscious to the United States. He says that he was kept in isolation and forced to take drugs. He denies -- he says he was denied contact with the Soviet Embassy. He says that on November 2nd he broke out to freedom, as the translator put it, and came to the Soviet Embassy. He says he only wants to return to his country, his family, and his kin. And he says, in response to that question from correspondent John Scali: In the three months, did you provide intelligence information to the United States -- Yurchenko says, "When I was conscious, I did not pass any secret information. They told me I came to the Americans myself, on my own accord. When I was drugged, I don't know what I was doing or saying." He says, "I was threatened."

We should put point out, to put this in context, some of the other things that we've been reporting on, and you'll recall them very quickly as we refresh. Keep in mind the Soviet sailor who was aboard the ship off the coast of Louisiana and the statement, the disclosure by President Reagan that he was prepared at one point to use force if the American officials could not interrogate the sailor, who twice jumped ship. Keep in mind the Soviet soldier who went to the American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan.

And now we're going to listen in to this translation.

REPORTER: ...CIA agent named Edward Lee Howard, who

reportedly met with KGB officials in Vienna in October 1984 and made an arrangement where he would receive money to provide information to the KGB. That information was said to include the identity of a CIA agent in Moscow named Pokachev (?).

Could you address that, Mr. Yurchenko?

YURCHENKO: I'd like to tell you. Very short answer.

First [unintelligible] I recognized name Howard, Pokachev, and so on and so on, from newspapers. And they brought this newspaper. And all team, who is psychologist and such, they were looking at me as we are looking at the zoo at animals and waiting for my reaction. They were sure that I would be shocked that really I betrayed such important agents, and so on.

I don't know what is going [unintelligible]. I swear you. [Unintelligible] Howard [unintelligible] name Howard first time I heard at safehouse at Coventry. If you send some people
now there...

REPORTER: Where is the safehouse.

YURCHENKO: I'll tell you. It's not my secret [unintelligible]. You see Fredericksburg, 22 miles, Route 17, there is Coventry [unintelligible]. It's 50 -- 500 acres lot. And there they first...

[Confusion of voices]

YURCHENKO: There, near the lake, [unintelligible] stores, buildings, they put their special system better than you see at any prison in United States of America, some laser-beam devices [unintelligible]. And they kept all times six persons there.

And there, you can have some answers.

REPORTER: I don't quite understand your answer on the question of Howard, on the question of Mr. Howard.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

SHAW: The reference to Edward Howard. Edward Howard is a former CIA agent who reportedly was fingered by this man, Yurchenko. And when the FBI went to find Mr. Howard out in the Southwest, he had gone. At last word, we were told that Mr. Howard was somewhere in Finland.

TRANSLATOR: ...the name of Howard for the first time from the newspapers.

[Man speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: The question by the Tass representative, Alexander Shalnev (?): How, from your personal view, do you regard the fact that the monstrous crime which was committed against you and which amounts to a violation of your every human and personal right was perpetrated by the same people and by the same authorities who, louder than others, speak about the need to uphold human rights?

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: This is a typical example of lies and hypocrisy.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: You know, several minutes ago, before they started the press conference, they again showed what is happening with that sailor Medvid.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And your representatives were talking quite loudly that -- were saying quite loudly that they were trying to safeguard human rights.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And at the same time, you can witness what has happened to me.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: I asked Mr. Thompson, whom I have mentioned several times, "Aren't you ashamed?" There is such an acute problem nowadays as the problem of terrorism. There is also the issue of human rights. And in all those cases, you apply double standards.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: In the case of Medvid, you were threatening that you were going to use weapons in order to have a second -- a third conversation with him in order to find out whether he really wanted to stay here.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And at the same time, I'm asking you to arrange a meeting for me with a representative of the Soviet

Embassy, and you are denying me such a meeting.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Moreover, wwhen I undestood that they were not going to arrange a meeting for me with a representative of the embassy and they were threatening me that I'd come to a bad end, I started hoping that maybe I could have a meeting with a representative of the State Department, or maybe with you.

You know, if I could only be sure that I would meet an honest newsman, I would probably tell things with him, if I were sure that it was actually a journalist but not someone else. They have brought to meetings with me people who were not actually what they were telling me they were. And I could never be sure that in actual fact you would not be sitting on some other villa.

BOB WOODWARD: I'm Bob Woodward from the Washington Post.

Is your business spying, intelligence?

YURCHENKO: First of all, it is widely known I worked here five years in Washington as a security officer for the embassy. It is [unintelligible] secrets. And therefore it's the answer to your question.

But, you know, if you are speaking about spying business, I don't give -- I'm not going to make any comments about spying business. We're not speaking...

WOODWARD: ...people in this country that do the same.

YURCHENKO: Yeah. But I have no comment [unintelligible].

WOODWARD: Did you meet with Mr. Casey,...

YURCHENKO: Yeah.

WOODWARD: ...head of the CIA?

YURCHENKO: Yeah.

WOODWARD: Will you tell us about that meeting, when it was, what he asked you about, what you said?

YURCHENKO: I am not sure exactly whether your President know about my situation or not. I'm not sure. Because this team, so-called team, my torturers, as I call them, they -- it's

very secretive, it seems to me, very separated group. And they prefer, you see, such information. They're working -- it's my impression -- they're working many years as a team. They know each other very well. But [unintelligible words].

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: At the same time, it's quite clear that this is a CIA team.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: At the same time, I'd like to stress that it...

[Technical difficulties]

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: So, when I was told that I was going to meet with Mr. Casey, they spent two days preparing me for that meeting.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

SHAW: You're watching CNN live coverage from the Soviet compound in Washington with a man who claims the United States took him prisoner and forced him to come to the United States. He claims he was not a defector to the West. And now he is explaining all of this.

Let's listen in.

TRANSLATOR: ...I might not be happy about the circumstances I was in, but I was not supposed to show that I was protesting that activity. Well, I knew that in certain intervals they were giving me drugs, and they gave me drugs also several hours before that meeting with Mr. Casey, but a lesser amount of drugs than was usual.

So I do remember that meeting. But everything seems to have happened as if in a fog.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: So if I make some mistake, please ask Mr. Casey to verify it.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: I remember that I was brought to the main

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building of the CIA Headquarters in Langley.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And that I was taken by elevator to the seventh floor, to Mr. Casey's office.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: There was in the office Mr. Gerber, one of Mr. Casey's deputies, and Charlie Thompson.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: But I was in a condition, obviously, that was the point of the strongest effect of the drug, that when Mr. Casey entered the office, I at first did not recognize him.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: For that reason, Thompson gave me a push and said, "Please say hello to Mr. Casey. This is Mr. Casey."

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: I rose, greeted him. And later we went to Mr. Casey's dining room and we had dinner in his dining room.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Later, I have only vague recollections of the conversation, but it was a kind of a general conversation of big policy issues regarding the summit, things which they usually write about in the newspapers.

REPORTER: [Inaudible]...you have been abducted by a government agency. [Unintelligible] as a case of state-sponsored terrorism?

[Translation and Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: I believe that, first, it is a typical example of hypocrisy, and, second, a typical example of state-sponsored terrorism.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: But the representatives of the U.S. Government -- and I believe that the level of Mr. Gerber, who is the chief of the Soviet desk of the CIA, is a governmental level -- they always try to show that they're sort of not in this

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thing, that they are somewhere on the fringes.

When I was telling him that I felt bad and that what they were doing was ruthless, he was saying to me that it was not really his business, that he was only conducting political conversations with me. And the same thing with Mr. Casey, who was evading effectual conversation about my case, and rather was dealing in generalities.

It was my impression that handling me was a group of people somewhat separate from them.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: What other examples of state-sponsored terrorism can there be, when I had a diplomatic passport, I was visiting another country, and I was brought over here, somehow, and was not given an opportunity for a meeting? What other examples can there be of state-sponsored terrorism?

YURCHENKO: I'd like to tell some words about. [Unintelligible sentence] They told me that I am not alone, and they told me -- I don't know exactly who, maybe one or two, they tried to scare me. And they say, "If you don't agree to cooperate with us, you will finish your life as one Polish big [unintelligible], who is now crazy, crazy. He is now pose as Alexander II. He is crazy because he is making orders, enter, and so on. It will be your [unintelligible]."

And therefore you should maybe check what people defected from Polish country and what they are now. Maybe one of them who say the same: make publication, he is defector, he is traitor. And at the same time, he is honest man who is the victim of CIA.

ROBERT SCHAKNE: Robert Schakne with CBS News.

Could you elaborate on how you escaped from what you said was a safehouse 22 miles from Fredericksburg, 500 acres, six people guarding you, drugging you? It all sounds implausible. Is it possible -- someone else has told us you were given a great deal of freedom and you were not well-guarded?

[Translation]

YURCHENKO: I'm not going to give you any details because maybe after this press conference, maybe one who defected now is sitting in the room and seeing the TV, and maybe tomorrow, maybe he'll find the way to escape.

But I prefer to speak in Russian.

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[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Well, I found myself in a really tough situation. I have a 16-year-old son, and he had his problems with his studies and with his behavior. Some of the comrades who worked with me here in the embassy, they're aware of that. And I used to tell him there can be no situation with no way out. If you really think about it, you can always find a way out, of any situation.

YURCHENKO: And second, I'm very proud that I managed to escape. But I don't tell details.

SCHAKE: We were told, and I can't vouch for the accuracy of this, that you, in fact, had been cooperating. You disapproved of the fact that so much information was going public. You did not like the way you were being handled. You didn't think people were listening to you. And so you decided to come back here.

[Translation]

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: You are repeating word-by-word-by-word what I was told by Mr. Gerber.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Are you familiar with him?

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Do you work for him?

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Because he was telling me that they could give the press any -- the media any information they want.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Well, just the last case, the information they had in the newspapers about Mr. Shadrin, that allegedly he was killed. I asked him, I asked Gerber, "Aren't you ashamed? I will be taken to court when..."

YURCHENKO: American court.

TRANSLATOR: ...to the American court when they have a suit against CIA here in the court on that subject. Because it seems that I'm going to be the only witness for that."

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And he told me, "Don't worry. Everything will -- we'll settle everything. The main thing is to influence people.

MAN: I think we -- I hope we satisfied your curiosity. This will be the last question.

MAN: [Inaudible] First of all, on behalf of all the Soviet people who are here, I'd like to congratulate you on your return home.

My question is fivefold.

Almost a year ago, there was an exactly, or an almost exactly case like that. Oleg Bitov, the correspondent for the Literatura Gazetta (?) was kidnapped in Rome, brought to the United States, then to England, and managed to escape from them.

I'd like to hear a comment from you on this.

And my second question is whether your abductors in the CIA ever told you anything at all about your family. As you mentioned, you have a wife and your son.

YURCHENKO: Two questions. But once we were out of Washington, I saw your press conference and I remember your face. You are [unintelligible] person. And therefore I answer on two of your questions. And I was very proud of Soviet reporters and journalists because -- phew. I'm sorry because it's sometimes difficult to speak. One thing, you see, when you are in such a situation that you have this, you can do nothing. They can kill you. You can -- anything you can do.

Say about if you publish anything, nobody pay attention what you're protesting. The only way, even if I tried to commit suicide, they will give me such chance to escape. Because 24 hours, I even -- excuse me. When I was sleeping, they prohibited even to close the door. The door should be closed. And in the next room was sitting such fat, quite stupid -- excuse me -- non-emotional person who is following the order, only following the orders. It seems to me specially -- sometimes I thought that I was among crazy persons, you see. And if I tried to close the door, he opened the door and sitting TV, listening, but not to disturb me [unintelligible].

And therefore, practically during these three months, I practically don't have normal rest or sleep [unintelligible]. Excuse me. But when I go [unintelligible] bathroom and I try to -- they yell at me to close the door. But when I try to look, immediately I hear sound that's the same as this. Therefore it was very difficult situation.

And therefore, from about Bitov, I read only newspapers

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about Bitov. I don't know nothing. But I can now understand exactly. And I can now understand Antonov, who is Bulgarian now in Italy, the same Italy. Bitov was kidnapped in Italy. I don't know, maybe they have special team there who are supplying them with human materials for such purposes. I don't know. Bitov, Antonov there, and maybe other cases in Italy, first of all.

And now, after such situation, I don't -- I am sure that many of people who are living here in America from Soviet Union, from [unintelligible] Socialist countries, they [unintelligible] same situation and they labeled as defectors, traitor. But really, it's the victims of CIA.

[Translation]

YURCHENKO: No any words. No any words. No about family, about nothing, absolutely nothing. I was in total isolation. [Unintelligible sentence] When I tried to approach to the phone -- was phone there -- during months when I was in good memory, I studied them, their behavior, their strong/weak point. I know them from psychological point of view, especially the last three weeks, when they give me more relaxed regime, because they tried -- I'll tell you last words about it.

They tried...[speaks in Russian].

TRANSLATOR: When they realized that they could not break me in that manner, maybe the fact that we are going to have a summit saved me.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: They tried to [unintelligible] me for the past three weeks.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russia]

TRANSLATOR: And they were telling me that, anyway, "they are regarding you as a traitor. You see that there were things written about you in the newspapers."

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: "If you flee and return to the Soviet Union, anyway, prison and death is awaiting you."

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: "We'll send the KGB all the materials we got from you, and you will be jailed there."

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]...Tom Fountain (?),

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Special Assistant to Casey for Administration...[Speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And here that man three times brought to me a contract which they suggested I sign.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And according to that contract, I was supposed to do nothing. The only thing I was supposed to do was to live and keep silent in the United States.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And I would be one of the consultants.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: The points in that -- the items included in that contract, I was supposed to get one million dollars tax-free beginning November 1. That is a down payment.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And to the end of my life, they were going to pay me annually 62.5 thousand dollars. And that sum would grow, taking into account the inflation.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Besides, they would provide me with free medical care.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And besides, they were going to give me all the furniture they had stacked in that three-floor building. The total price of that furniture was supposed to be \$48,000.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: Tom Fountain even calculated that -- well, that was an unlimited kind of a contract till the end of my life, that I was going to be earning \$180,000 a year, which is more than the income of the U.S. President after he retires.

[Yurchenko speaks in Russian]

TRANSLATOR: And paragraph 6 was that the contract was going to be valid until I leave for some foreign country or do some damage to the interests of the United States.

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Though I did not sign that contract, I believe that that final provisions make that offer invalid.

REPORTER: Sir, how can we ask how you're feeling now?

[Confusion of voices]

YURCHENKO: I'd like better to answer the questions, how I'm feeling now. Because I immediately understand. I don't know, because they're trying -- I know your side now better than reading in a thousand books about you, see. Why such question, how do you feel now? Maybe I think maybe again because many things I told CIA at least hundred times, "Gentlemen, you behave like crazy persons. The Soviet side never, according to my knowledge, never use such barbaric methods. It is not the war. You are not cold war now. Why are you so?"

Answer: "No, no. We don't believe you," you see.

And therefore, for them it was impossible. They're victims of over-suspiciousness, their own suspiciousness. They are sometimes -- it's illness, you see.

And therefore they tried -- okay, if some people -- for example, when I told them that I am not going to sign, they say, "It seems to us you are maybe fanatic, but it means you're crazy."

And one other point. They begin -- you see, when they saw -- because immediately rumors of all the team got spread that I am such rich man, [unintelligible] to sign, and even begin to respect me more, see.

Of course, I understood they say -- and one day when I was see one young boy from Security Department from CIA put his feet on the good polished cocktail table, I asked him, "What are you doing?" Because from my point of view, to sit together in some [unintelligible] and to put hands -- I mean, really, it's not polite, because he has gun, open shorts, and put his feet on the table. I said, "What are you doing?"

And he -- and it's mentality. He understood that I'm worrying not about behavior as a man [unintelligible], you see, he is not gentleman.

But he said, "Oh, I understand. It's [unintelligible]." You see? He was -- he decided to [unintelligible] worrying about because they know all the [unintelligible], all the agreement [unintelligible]. Your furniture [unintelligible], and immediately he [unintelligible] and take piece of paper and begin to polish....

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MAN: Thank you.

YURCHENKO: And therefore, don't worry...

MAN: The conference is over. Thank you. Thank you very much.